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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 68.4 degrees, 4.0 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, August 1. Precipitation averaged 2.05 inches, 1.31 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 41 points below normal.

Reporters rated 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, July 30. This is 0.6 days behind last year and 1.2 days below the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	4.3	5.2	67.4
2003	4.9	3.2	60.8
1999-2003 Average	5.5	5.5	77.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	2	17	74	7
Last Week	4	26	63	7
Same Week Last Year	0	3	77	20
1999-2003 Average	20	26	47	7

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 1

Corn silked is approximately 90 percent completed, eight days ahead of last year, and five days ahead of the five-year average. **Corn** in dough is roughly 27 percent complete, ten days ahead of 2003 and four days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Approximately 86 percent of **Oats** are ripe, compared to 90 percent last year and 94 percent for the five-year average. **Oats** harvested is 44 percent completed, compared to 34 percent last year and 58 percent for the 1999-

2003 average. Eighty-five percent of the **soybeans** are blooming, seven percentage points above last year, and the same as the five-year average. Fifty-two percent of **soybeans** are setting pods. This is nine days ahead last year and four days ahead of the five-year average. Ohio **cucumber** growers have 35 percent of their crop harvested, which is 11 days ahead of the previous year, and four days above the 1999-2003 average. The second cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is 73 percent complete, 10 days ahead of 2003, and 10 days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is nine percent complete, about the same as last year, but about eight days behind the five-year average. The second cutting of **Other Hay** is 52 percent complete, about eight days ahead of last year, but seven days behind the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Other Hay** at four percent complete, is two days ahead of last year, but four days behind the five-year average. **Summer Apples** are currently at 47 percent harvested. Forty percent of **Peaches** are harvested.

This past week farmers were busy baling hay and straw along with doing maintenance and equipment repairs. Due to the excessive rainfall, the grass and pastures had plenty of moisture. Stark county reported dry weather. Many counties have been preparing for their county fairs and for the upcoming Ohio State fair, which begins this week. The farmers in Williams county have been spraying soybeans for Japanese beetles and aphids. Japanese beetles were also present in Lucas county. Soybeans setting pods have not been seen in Morrow county yet. The oats harvest is nearing completion in Wyandot county. However, oats harvest is behind in Harrison county. Producers in Athens county were busy spraying weeds this past week, while in Auglaize and Medina counties farmers were spreading manure on crop fields. Peaches and apples are growing well in Wayne county. The peach crop in Richland county is reported to be doing well.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Pasture condition was rated at 64 percent good to excellent, which was the same as the previous week. The cooler weather has helped livestock conditions.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 1

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd cutting	73	66	86	69	NA
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd cutting	9	8	19	5	NA
Apples harvested (summer)	47	44	48	39	NA
Corn silked	90	76	83	85	72
Corn in dough	27	7	18	15	19
Cucumbers harvested	35	15	29	NA	NA
Oats ripe	86	90	94	84	NA
Oats harvested	44	34	58	30	14
Other Hay 2 nd cutting	52	44	63	42	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	4	3	8	2	NA
Peaches harvested	40	34	36	36	NA
Soybeans blooming	85	78	85	77	74
Soybeans setting pods	52	29	41	37	32

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	26	43	17
Previous Week	4	10	24	45	17
Previous Year	3	8	27	44	18
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	12	30	42	12
Previous Week	3	13	32	43	9
Previous Year	4	8	31	48	9
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	11	30	44	13
Previous Week	2	4	27	59	8
Previous Year	2	5	44	44	5
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	29	53	11
Previous Week	2	7	27	53	11
Previous Year	1	4	26	54	15
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	10	30	41	14
Previous Week	5	12	29	43	11
Previous Year	3	10	30	43	14

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 1

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	67.1	-4.9	1.13	0.50	16.92	2.51	105	-46	1835	8
North Central	68.1	-4.0	1.90	1.22	18.39	3.65	110	-42	1815	28
Northeast	68.4	-2.1	2.10	1.25	19.43	4.26	111	-31	1677	-4
West Central	67.4	-5.2	1.43	0.81	18.26	2.27	107	-48	1973	69
Central	68.4	-4.3	2.56	1.90	21.10	5.01	113	-43	1996	72
Central Hills	68.0	-3.2	2.34	1.62	22.15	6.29	110	-37	1818	39
Northeast Hills	68.4	-3.1	2.58	1.77	20.70	4.94	111	-37	1815	13
Southwest	68.3	-5.4	2.43	1.76	18.34	1.39	116	-46	2106	97
South Central	70.3	-3.5	1.84	0.94	19.58	3.79	123	-38	2157	119
Southeast	69.4	-3.1	2.29	1.48	20.32	4.41	118	-36	2003	88
STATE	68.4	-4.0	2.05	1.31	19.44	3.75	113	-41	1933	56

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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